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## Busy Summer, many changes at Lamoine Consolidated School

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine School Committee had some scrambling to do this summer to get personnel in place in time to open school in September. Frequent meetings at all hours of the day accomplished the task, and school opened without a hitch on September 2nd.

The biggest task was to find a principal. Sheryl Davis resigned in July for personal reasons, and the resignation was accepted with regret by the school committee. Val Perkins, the just retired principal at the Tremont Elementary School, was hired for the Lamoine job. He brings nearly 25 years of experience to Lamoine, and was well liked in Tremont. During the time between Mrs. Davis's departure, and Mr. Perkins's arrival, Paul Frost filled in as principal and got the school ready for fall.

Just as summer plans were getting ready, Richard Sawyer, the superintendent of schools died of a sudden heart attack. (*see July, 1998*). Omar Norton, served as interim. The Union 92 Combined Board hired William



*Val Perkins was hired in August as the new principal at the Lamoine Consolidated School. Mr. Perkins has over 20 years experience as a principal in*

departed the Lamoine position in late September, and was replaced by Kindergarten teacher Amy Duym. Julie Jordan was hired in late September to teach the Kindergarten classes. Previously, if the Kindergarten was too small to split into two sessions, Mrs. Duym's position would revert to half time.

The school has also welcomes two

## Tax Rate Falls Again

Higher valuation, sound  
spending policies credited

(Lamoine) — Taxpayers in Lamoine got another pleasant surprise in their 1998/99 tax bills this year, a lower tax rate. The mill rate fell from 9.1 in 1997/98 to this year's rate of 9.0, a drop of about one percent.

The taxable valuation of the town rose to \$96,605,600 from last year's taxable value of \$94,948,700, and increase of \$1,656,900, or 1.7 percent. Most of the valuation increase came from construction of new homes, along with creation of a 10 lot subdivision on Walker Road.

On the spending side, the non-school, non-county portion of the budget fell by approximately \$78,000, or 19%. The school portion rose \$87,400 or 6.5%, and the county portion rose \$1,371 or 3.16%. Revenues other than property tax to offset spending increases rose \$3,209

Fowler in late September. Mr. Fowler was superintendent in SAD 31 in the Howland/Enfield/Passadumkeag area.

Mrs. Davis's departure followed the dismissal of 7th grade teacher Timothy Barlow in a well publicized matter related to student discipline. Additionally, the incoming 7th grade class was so large that two teachers were needed. The school committee hired Ben Edes and Tom Coleman for the new teaching positions.

At the beginning of the school year, the faculty found out that art teacher June Sproul would be unable to return due to a terminal illness. Just three days into the school year, the popular teacher passed away. Her work with the students in Lamoine may be universally well loved, and she nurtured artistic talent in a way very few art teachers can. She is sadly missed. Taking Mrs. Sproule's place is Pat Haugh, who will soon be a new resident of Lamoine. She plans to purchase a home very near the school.

Filling in as music teachers are Tom Wallace and James Santerre. They replace Jim Trembley who is recovering from an illness and was unable to return. The school is looking for a permanent, part-time music teacher as well.

Just a few days into the school year, 2nd grade teacher Nadine Dede was hired as the new principal at the Deer Isle/Stonington Elementary School. She

new Ed Techs (aides). Debbie Lunt and Melinda Jordan are helping out.

Enrollment for the school is slightly lower than last year. The annual report listed 179 students in grades K through 8. This year, school opened with 167 students. The Kindergarten was large enough to split into two classes this year.

The school board itself is in need of a new member. Kathy Chamberlain resigned at the September meeting, as she and her family have moved to Monroe, and she'll no longer be able to serve on the board. School Committee chair Griff Fenton reports the board will not appoint someone to fill Mrs. Chamberlain's position which expires next spring. A special town meeting will be held in conjunction with election day November. Nomination papers are now available, and must be returned by October 15, 1998.



or 0.73%. Much of the increased revenue came from increased excise tax collections, and a higher use of the town's fund balance (surplus).

The Lamoine Board of Assessors finished the tax commitment on August 27th, and tax bills were mailed out the following week. Tax collections in early September were very strong. People whose last names begin with the letter "G" may have noticed they received two tax bills. A computer sorting error caused those bills to be printed twice, and only one bill should be paid for each lot of land or building owned. The tax bill printing did not affect the books generated for assessing and tax collection.

Taxpayers with \$100,000 in valuation saw their bill decrease by \$10. If the taxpayer qualified for the homestead exemption, the bill decreased by \$73. In all, 413 homestead exemption applications were received, processed, and approved by the board of assessors. The State of Maine has reimbursed the town \$20,996 so far for the exemption. Another \$5,023 is expected in December when the final reconciliation of the program is completed. The homestead exemption provides a \$7,000 reduction in the valuation of a qualifying property.

*DAY ONE — Bus driver Patty Murphy picks up eager students waiting at Jordan River Road for their first day of classes*

## Annual Financial Audit reports Town in good fiscal, organizational shape

(Lamoine) — The annual audit of the financial records for the Town of Lamoine shows the town in a very strong financial position. Equally pleasing was the management letter from the town auditors, which show the organization of the town's finances to be in great shape.

Dow & Wadman, P.A. of Ellsworth conducted the audit in August. In his management letter to the Selectmen, auditor James Wadman said "There is little that the Town of Lamoine could do to improve the quality of record keeping and internal control, shy of hiring additional people to increase the segregation of duties. Most municipalities (and businesses) would find that this would not be cost beneficial."

The annual audit show that at the end of June, 1998, the town had cash deposits at Union Trust Company and People's Heritage Bank of \$83,751, and investment deposits held by Bangor Savings Bank of \$557,630. The combined total is about \$800 more than the previous fiscal year end.

One of the nicer figures to see was the tax due for the current year was down to \$24,883 from the previous year's \$46,518. That would indicate stronger tax

collections for the fiscal year. Part of the credit for that can go to starting the tax lien process earlier in the fiscal year. Because the town changed tax collectors on July 1, 1998, it was decided to place tax liens in June. That meant 30-day notices were mailed in May, and that accelerated tax collections greatly.

One of the big things town officials look at is the level of surplus, or undesignated fund balance. The town ended the year with a surplus of \$395,680, which was down \$1,597 from the previous fiscal year end, despite a heavy appropriation during the budget year. The new budget (1998/99) will use \$90,000 of that surplus to help offset the property tax rates. It has long been the goal of the budget committee to keep the town's surplus at \$300,000 at year's end, and that goal was met this year.

Contributing to the town's fiscal health in the previous fiscal year was a combination of higher than projected revenues, and lower than budgeted expenditures. Excise taxes, investment interest and state revenue sharing rose by nearly \$50,000. Total expenditures were approximately \$7,300 under

## Comprehensive Plan back on track

(Lamoine) — After taking a couple months for a breather, the Planning Board will soon take on the daunting task of implementing the comprehensive plan passed in 1996. Currently under legal review are a proposed land use ordinance and a site plan review ordinance. The plan, passed overwhelmingly by voters in 1996, called for major revisions to the land use ordinance by implementing zoning. A proposed zoning map has been prepared, and is hanging in the town hall.

The Site Plan Review Ordinance, if passed, will be something new. It would apply to major commercial type projects, and greatly aid in regulating proposed large developments in the future.

The Hancock County Planning Commission has finished the first two phases of the comprehensive plan work, partially funded with a grant from the State of Maine. Because the process involved a major shift, the Planning Commission has taken the stand that the contract is drastically changed before completion, and Lamoine would be charged at a higher rate for completion of the contract. The Planning Board has approved the first payment, and once initial review is done, will decide how to proceed with the rest of

## Town Sued, another suit threatened

(Bangor) — A Massachusetts couple has filed a half million dollar lawsuit against the Town of Lamoine for revoking a plumbing permit in 1991. John and Anita Burns own property on Catnip Island, along the Meadow Point Road.

In their suit, the Burnses claim the town incorrectly revoked the plumbing permit and denied them a fair hearing in doing so. Also named in the suit are former Plumbing Inspectors John Fink and Sally Bell.

The Town has contacted its Public Officials Liability Insurance carrier, Maine Municipal Association. The case was assigned to Portland Attorney Mark Franco, who filed a response denying most of the points of the lawsuit.

The plumbing permit was revoked in August, 1991 at the behest of the Maine Department of Human Services which had reviewed the permit and found that it had flawed soil data contained in it. The site evaluator which had prepared the permit also wrote to the town and to the plaintiffs saying the permit must be revoked because of errors she had made.

The case was played out in state courts for many years, with the Administrative Law Court siding with the Department of Human Services on the

issue. The town has forwarded all the paper work in its file to attorney Franco as he builds a case for dismissal.

### **Suit Threatened**

The town has been put on notice by Darlene Hodgdon on behalf of her son, Christopher Perry, that they intend to sue for a quarter million dollars for injury and humiliation for an incident at the Lamoine School last Spring. The notice of claim contends that teacher Timothy Barlow pushed the son into a wall and injured him and humiliated him in front of his classmates during an incident in the school's cafeteria.

Since that incident, Mr. Barlow was dismissed from the Lamoine School after teaching for 24 years. The School Board voted 3-to-2 to dismiss. After his dismissal, Principal Sheryl Davis, who is also named in the claim, resigned. Mr. Barlow has sought an appeal to win his job back.

The Hancock County Grand Jury met on the case in August. District Attorney Michael Povich presented evidence in the case, but the jury returned no indictment against Mr. Barlow, ending any criminal prosecution of the case.

## Keep up to date with e-mail

(Lamoine) — One of the common complaints received in town government was that "we didn't know this was going on". There are many ways to inform the public. The only official way required is probably the most archaic, which is posting notices of public hearings and town meetings. These are generally done at the Town Office, the Lamoine General Store, the Transfer Station and the Lamoine School. Few people read the posted material.

It would be extremely expensive to mail each voter the upcoming agendas, meeting notices, and what have you. However, e-mail is one possibility.

If you are interested in receiving the agendas for the various boards, please contact the town office via e-mail. The address is **lamoine@acadia.net**. Let us know which information you would like automatically e-mailed, and what your e-mail address is. From those who respond, we'll compile a list for bulk e-mailing the information.

The town does have a web site available through the Internet (<http://home.acadia.net/govt/lamoine/>). Information is posted nearly every month, but the Town has no control over the site,

## New Gravel Pit Licensed

*Trees must be planted first*

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Planning Board approved an application for a gravel extraction operation by Reginald McDevitt. The big issue remains a buffer between the pit and Lamoine Beach Road (Route 184).

The new pit is located between a pit operated by Doug Gott & Sons, and the Mary Smith home. The land was cleared of trees in the summer of 1997, which caused the Planning Board great concern. The gravel extraction ordinance in Lamoine requires a 50-foot buffer of vegetation or a fence at least six feet in height. Mr. McDevitt, and his attorney Peter Roy, proposed a planting of four foot evergreen trees to meet the buffer requirement.

At its September meeting, the Planning Board approved the four foot tree plan as submitted. It was noted that the area has started to re-vegetate with hardwood trees (birch, poplar).

Once the four foot trees are planted, the permit will be issued. The extraction is north of Route 184, with the eventual goal of removing gravel to the road level in order to make house lots on the land. RF Jordan & Sons will operate the new pit.



## Building Permits Issued

(Lamoine) — The following construction permits were issued since the previous edition of the *Lamoine Quarterly*:

| Nbr. | Name                | Type      |
|------|---------------------|-----------|
| 20   |                     |           |
| 21   | Raymond Perry       | Pool      |
| 22   | Robert Schust       | Garage    |
| 23   | Philip Richter      | Mfg Home  |
| 24   | Richard Haff        | Garage    |
| 25   | Reginald McDevitt   | Garage    |
| 26   | Roy Wolf            | Deck      |
| 27   | Ernest Payson       | Deck      |
| 28   | Harlan Hodgkins     | Shop      |
| 29   | W. Brutsaert-Durant | Steps     |
| 30   | Harrison Pinkham    | Garage    |
| 31   | Leonard Moon        | Deck      |
| 32   | Mun Trust           | Steps     |
| 33   | Earl Smart          | Deck      |
| 34   | Carlton Johnson     | Storage   |
| 35   | Carol Skinner       | Road Ent. |
| 36   | Harald Huebner      | Shed      |
| 37   | L. Tadema-Wielandt  | Porch     |
| 38   | Mary-Ann Orzel      | Residence |
| 39   | Morris Lambdin      | Residence |
| 40   | Herbert Gordon      | Addition  |

## More Gravel News

(Lamoine) — Gravel is probably the most valuable natural resource in Lamoine. The town's gravel is highly prized in road building and site work projects. An area owned by the town has been mined for the past three years by Doug Gott & Sons, Inc. under an agreement. The last installment to the town of \$25,540 was received during the summer.

The Planning Board renewed gravel pit licenses for John W. Goodwin, Jr. at its September meeting. Mr. Goodwin operates pits in East Lamoine and off Partridge Cove Road (Route 204).

Renewal of a gravel pit owned by J. Aubrey Davis will be on the agenda for the Planning Board in October, as well as the pits owned and operated by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. Two of MacQuinn's pits were briefly closed by the Code Enforcement Officer after tests showed excavation had come too close to the ground water table. That situation was corrected by the company, and the stop work order lifted by the Town.

The Planning Board also discussed the aesthetics of one pit owned by MacQuinn at its September meeting. The owners indicated some complaints were about adjacent pits.

## Goat Farm in compliance

(Lamoine) — Complaints that the Seal Cove Goat Farm on Partridge Cove Road (Route 204) had not lived up to the conditions of its commercial building permit have been answered, and the farm is up to speed. The original permit required a best management practice plan be adopted and submitted to the town.

Owner Barbara Brooks met with the Selectmen in September and shared the plan submitted to the Maine Department of Agriculture. She explained it is up to each farm in Maine to devise their own best management plan, as farms vary greatly. Selectman Richard Davis reported he had visited the farm, and found a very clean and impressive operation.

In late September, the town received a letter from the State Department of Agriculture which said the farm was indeed in compliance with a best management plan which had been approved. Ms. Brooks said inspectors from the state visit on a regular basis to inspect her dairy operation, and she has passed with flying colors.

The Seal Cove Farm produces goats milk for cheese products which are sold statewide. Ms. Brooks said she keeps between 50 and 100 goats on the farm.

41 Ronald Madore Shed

Two additional road opening permits were issued, one on Marlboro Beach Road and one on Shore Road.

## Town, State help with two failing septic systems

(Lamoine)— The Maine Small Community Grant program will help two Lamoine families replace failing septic systems this fall. Both systems are located on Birchlawn Drive, and both families meet income guidelines which qualify them for a 90-percent state assistance match.

The Department of Environmental Protection administers the program which is funded through a bond question which passed last June. Locally, the Hancock County Planning Commission administers the program for the DEP, and the Town of Lamoine takes care of advertising for the bids and securing the necessary designs and paperwork from the residents.

The money for this year's program has run out, but low income people with a failing septic system are

## Community Care Ready to Roll

(Lamoine) — Last winter, the elderly needs committee sent a survey to registered voters 55 and older. The return rate was about 50 percent, which is considered very good. It also gave the committee a basis to determine what needs existed in the community. It is now starting to bear some fruit.

In November, the new Community Care group will begin training. Dartha Reid says the first session on November 11, 1998 will focus on first aid and basic CPR. The next night will focus on telephone etiquette, assessment of home situations, and stress release programs. Dartha reports about a dozen people have offered to volunteer in the program which will act as a monitor for those elderly people who may need such a service.

The Community Care group will attempt to identify those elderly who may be in need of monitoring or other issues. Dartha said they hope to work with the Lamoine Baptist Church and the Town Office to identify people to interview about such needs. The group welcomes suggestions and volunteers. Dartha's phone number is 667-5434. Maine Coast



*Fire Chief Skip Smith and Asst. Chief Joe Reynolds pull instructor Maury Oliver on board the rescue*

## Fire Dept Rescue Boat In Service

(Lamoine) — Lamoine is bounded on the South and East by water. Over 20 miles of shore line, along with a popular swimming spot create quite a public safety exposure in cold water. Until now, the nearest public rescue agency was the Coast Guard in Southwest Harbor. The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department's Cold Water Rescue squad is now ready for action.

A dozen members of the fire department have received special training in boat handling, rescue swimming, and recovery operations. Equipped with a 14-foot Zodiac rigid-hull inflatable boat, the squad is now ready to assist people who've had accidents in the water.

Each spent a week at Maine Maritime Academy in Castine in an intensive water rescue training program. They, in turn, have trained 9 members of the fire department in the critical functions of water rescue training.

An article in the *Ellsworth Weekly* newspaper appeared in August, a couple of weeks before the squad was up to speed on rescues. A call came in of a man in the water off Lamoine Beach. When the boat and crew arrived, the victim was out of the water, and members used the opportunity to train on boat recovery. The squad also took part in a disaster drill on September 20th in Bar

## Road Name & Number Conversion relatively smooth

*Houses must be numbered by  
November 1st*

(Lamoine) — The August 1, 1998 conversion to a road name and number system for addresses has gone off with only minor hitches. Residents were notified by mail in June as to what the new numbers would be for their homes. The Post Office worked closely with the town to make sure the conversion went smoothly as mailing addresses converted from the old Rural Route system to the street name and number system. Postal officials report good success with people converting their mailing addresses. They will continue to deliver to the old rural route addresses for up to a year in order to give people a chance to convert.

**Under local ordinance, homes must display their new road number. The number must be visible for public safety vehicles. If the home is more than 50 feet from the named road, a marking at the head of the driveway is required!**

The town office has converted its tax and voter lists and various other files to the

## Chowder Supper October 24th

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department will hold its annual Clam Chowder Supper on Saturday, October 24, 1998 at 5:00 PM at the Lamoine Consolidated School. The meal will include clam chowder, baked beans, casseroles, cole slaw, drinks, and pie.

Tickets will be available from any Lamoine Firefighter during October. Members will also sell tickets door to door the weekend previous to the supper.

Proceeds from the dinner will benefit the fire department. Proceeds from previous dinners and other fund raisers have paid for the rescue boat and training for the water rescue squad (see article



*It's a sure sign of Autumn when the hay is rolled up for harvest on Pinkham's Flats.*

## Water Monitoring of Old Dump Begins

(Lamoine) — The Town has completed its first round of water tests at four homes near the old Lamoine landfill. The results of the tests were not yet available at press time.

The Maine Department of Environmental Protection agreed to let the town perform and log the tests without the use of an engineer. That cut the costs of testing by nearly 50 percent. Water samples will be taken from each home on a quarterly basis, and the data supplied to the DEP for analysis on how the old dump is doing.

The landfill was capped nearly three years ago under a state and local program. Initial water testing showed little contamination in all but one well. The DEP has proposed to put in monitoring wells on the dump property, and the proposal is currently under study by the Selectmen, as it could cost the town some money to have the wells drilled.

## Final Ice Storm Check Awaited

(Augusta) — The January 1998 ice storm is a somewhat distant memory, especially after a spectacular summer. The town's cleanup is done, even though some private property continues to show damage.

The last remaining public piece of Lamoine's cleanup is reimbursement from the State of Maine. Under the Federal Emergency Declaration, the State was to provide 15% of the cleanup costs incurred by the town. The Federal Government's 75% check was received long ago. A check with the Maine Emergency Management Agency found their reimbursement manager busy with other disasters, but he did promise a

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## Election Day November 3rd

### *School Board Seat on Ballot*

(Lamoine) — Voters will gather at the Lamoine Town Hall on Tuesday, November 3, 1998 to help elect a governor, new legislators, county officers, and a new school committee member to fill in until Spring.

This year's state ballot is two sided. One side, the candidates for the state and county offices will appear. The back side contains two bond issue referenda.

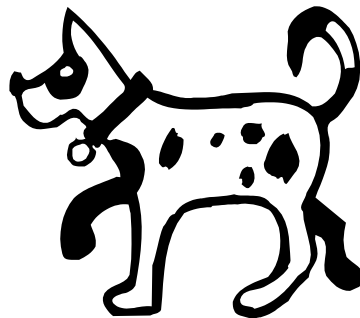
There will be a second ballot this year, but as of this printing, it's now known who will appear on the ballot. A special election to fill Kathleen Chamberlain's vacant school board seat has been called by the Selectmen. Nomination papers became available September 25th, and are due by October 15th. Ballots for the school board election will be available October 16th.

The Selectmen opted for the written school board ballot at the urging of the present school committee. There is a process in state law, which was followed, to shorten the period of time in which nomination papers can become available for a vacancy on the board. Those people voting by absentee ballot should either wait for a ballot to be printed, or request a

## Budget Committee to get rolling in October

(Lamoine) — The Lamoine Budget Committee will begin meeting in October. The Committee makes recommendations on the various budget articles which go before town meeting in the Spring.

Members include Henry Ashmore, Hubene Brodie, Joe Young, George Crawford and Reggie McDevitt. It's anticipated a vacancy will occur as member Bruce Chamberlain has moved out of town. Anyone interested in serving on the budget committee in Mr. Chamberlain's place is urged to contact the Selectmen or the Town Office. The exact schedule will be set sometime in October. The town hall will put the schedule on the monthly calendars.



## News from our neighbors

(Ellsworth) — Work continues on Ellsworth City Hall. The fire department plans to move back into their newly renovated space on the ground floor by mid-October. The entire city hall office complex should be back at their modernized offices in January, 1999.

(Hancock) — Work progresses on replacement of the "singing" bridge which connects Route 1 in Sullivan and Hancock. The old bridge was moved upstream by about 50 feet while the new bridge is constructed. The project is still many months from completion. Route 1 was closed in that vicinity for one weekend in September while the approaches to the old bridge were upgraded.

(Bar Harbor) — The cruise ship business has been hot in Bar Harbor, but the busiest day of the summer came on September



## New Personnel appointed

(Lamoine) — Some new faces are serving your town as appointed officials effective July 1st. **Cecilia Day** was appointed health officer. Mrs. Day works at Eastern Maine Medical Center, and replaces **Linda Madrell**, who lives in Florida during the winter and felt she should step down.

**John Holdsworth** has been appointed to the Board of Appeals. The Jordan River Road resident is a licensed site evaluator and once served as Code Enforcement Officer for Lamoine. He replaces **Bob Alvarez Sr.** on the board.

**Thomas Spruce** has agreed to serve on the Parks and Recreation Committee. Mr. Spruce lives on Lamoine Beach Road with his wife and children and has been very active in youth baseball. He replaces **Buck Page** on the committee. Tom is also the brother-in-law to horror novelist Stephen King.

**Douglas Morley** will fill in at the Lamoine Transfer Station during those times when manager **Allen Sternfield** is on vacation. Doug lives on the Raccoon Cove Road with his wife Terry where they run their business, Bar Harbor Broomworks.

## Time to register the dog (again)

(Lamoine) — All dog registrations run out at the end of December each year. Dog owners **must** register their dogs by the end of January, or face a \$3 late fee. If that doesn't happen, an extra \$10 warrant service fee is tacked on to the registration charge.

To register a dog, the rabies shot must be current, and the proof of vaccination presented to the town clerk. A rabies tag will not do, as the expiration date is not on the tag.

Spayed or neutered dogs cost \$4 to register, and non-neutered dogs cost \$7.50. Dogs must be registered by the time they are six months old.

## Boats due too!

(Lamoine) — All boats expire in December thanks to a recent law change. If you use your boat on the ocean during the winter, be sure to re-register in December so the registration doesn't lapse. For those who wait until summer, Spring is a good time to re-registers. Also, all snowmobile registrations expire in June. Those should be registered right

*The view from Lamoine Beach on September 16th as one of four ships sat at anchor off Bar Harbor*

16th when four ships dropped anchor all at once. No major problems were reported despite a crunch of tourists on shore for the day. Businesses have reported a brisk tourism season for 1999. Taxable sales rose sharply above projections in August.

(Trenton) — The new Trenton Business Park is open. Governor Angus King was on hand to cut the ribbon as the first tenant of the business park located off Route 3 opened its doors. The Hinckley Corporation will build its new line called "Picnic Boats" at the park. Another company called Temp Shield is ready to move in

(Ellsworth) — Work has started on the new Hancock County Jail. Voters approved borrowing nearly 6-million dollars a year ago to build the new facility which will be attached to the County Court House on State Street. The upper parking lot at the court house has been closed off while crews blast away ledge and prepare the ground work for the new jail. That has caused some parking problems in that area of Ellsworth, especially on busy court days. The new jail replaces the jail built in the 1970's, but deemed too small and outdated.



*Crews from Thomas DiCenzo, Inc. and Pavement Management Services place a new layer of pavement on Asa's Lane*

## Asa's Lane, Transfer Station Paved

(Lamoine) — Folks who use Asa's Lane to cut from Marlboro to East Lamoine found a smoother ride in September. Crews from the Thomas DiCenzo company put down a little over 900 tons of asphalt on the road. The project came in just under the \$24,000 budget, and has greatly upgraded the road. A local contractor will bring up the grades of the shoulders and the driveways along the road.

The Board of Selectmen set aside \$3,500 from the road budget before the end of the fiscal year to pave the back side of the transfer station. That was done the

## Waiting List for harbor moorings

(Lamoine) — Harbor Master Bill Pinkham reports that all the moorings were spoken for this summer, and a waiting list has been established. There are 50 moorings available off Lamoine State Park which are regulated by the Town. Other areas may have moorings provided they are not a hazard to navigation. The waiting list includes:

### Residents

- |                    |                 |
|--------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Brian Stan      | 2. Bonnie Gross |
| 3. Jason Mitschele | 4. Paul Heyse   |
| 5. Lollie Lovett   | 6. Stan Bachman |
| 7. Brian Corrigan  | 8. Peter Gorham |
| 9. Adam Fronczak   |                 |

### Non Residents

- |                       |                   |
|-----------------------|-------------------|
| 1. Nils VanBenthuyzen | 2. David Dennison |
|-----------------------|-------------------|



## Unique Fence in Lamoine



*This fence, made of granite pillars and cross rails encloses a small cemetery in the Marlboro area.*

(Lamoine) — Joe Lear likes cemeteries. He's seen graveyards big and small statewide, and is recognized as an expert. The Lamoine Beach Road resident reported the town has a unique fence at one cemetery in Marlboro in which only a handful of stones are kept. (We promised not to disclose the location, as it's on private land). The cross rails and the posts are all made of granite, and fit together as nice as any steel or wooden fence. Among those buried by the unique fence are members of the Hodgkins family.

*The State Park Harbor is full up in 1998*

same day Asa's Lane was completed. Now there is pavement for the entire drive around the transfer station. A ditch on the north end was re-shaped so the trash trucks would not damage the edges as badly. The snow plowing effort in the winter should be greatly enhanced by the paving job.

The final patch of pavement was placed on the lower end of Clamshell Alley. That portion of road was overlooked when the paving contractor came to town two years ago. The cost to pave that section came to less than \$800, but should greatly improve safety in the winter for residents coming up the hill.

## Other Road Work Underway

(Lamoine) — Major maintenance efforts in the past few years on Lamoine's roads have started to pay off with slower deterioration of the surfaces. Still, some roads require continued overhaul. The Selectmen have farmed out the work between Jay Fowler and Richard King, Inc. this year, as no major projects are planned but several small jobs needed doing. Work was under way on Shore Road, Buttermilk Road, Needles Eye Road, and Birchlawn Drive. A request for ditching on Mill Road is being studied. More work will be done next Spring.

## New Bathrooms Under Construction at State Park

## League of Towns urges traffic solution

(Lamoine) — When they say dirt cheap, it's not necessarily low cost. Take the new bathroom facility at Lamoine State Park. One of the big parts of the facility, currently under construction, is the septic system. With several hundred yards of dead sand, gravel, crushed stone and loam, it's turned out to be anything but cheap.

Stiffler Construction is building the project which will consist of 8 flushes and 5 showers. State Park Manager Jay McIntosh says when all the bills are added up, the project should cost about \$250,000. As of mid-September, the



*New Bathroom Facility, Lamoine State Park*

(Lamoine) — The Mount Desert Island League of Towns will ask the Maine Department of Transportation to address a heavy traffic problem at the head of MDI. Lamoine is a league member.

During the high tourism months of July and August, traffic can back up at the intersection of Routes 3 and 102 for miles. During 1998, traffic was once backed up to Walmart in Ellsworth.

Many Lamoine residents work at Jackson Laboratory and the shipyards in Southwest Harbor, and get caught in long tie-ups on the commute home in the afternoon. The League of Towns met with Bruce Mattson of the MDOT recently, and will compose a letter to MDOT commissioner John Melrose.

## New Road Named

(Lamoine) — A new, private road has been named "Artist's Way" by the Selectmen. The road runs off Douglas Highway on the South side of Jordan River Road. Two homes are under construction belonging to sisters Alice and Christine Schmidt, who suggested the name. The sign was posted in September.



## Seven Couples Marry during quarter

(Lamoine) — The Summer of 1998 was one of the busiest on record for the marriage license business as seven couples exchanged vows. Congratulations to the following:

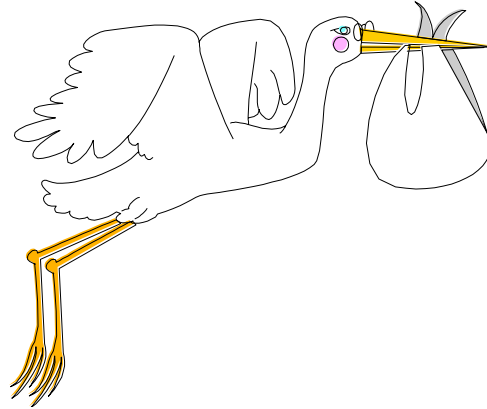
**Craig Fellis and Ginger Kimball** of Mariaville were married in Lamoine on June 6, 1998.

**Elmer Higgins and Bertha Tibbetts** were married in Lamoine on July 4, 1998. The couple resides on Dewey's Lane.

**Timothy Jordan and Lorise Gilman** were married in Lamoine on July 30, 1998. They make their home on Douglas Highway.

**Glenn Smallidge and Kimberly**

## Two born during last three months



(Lamoine) — A quiet summer in the maternity department, as least as far as Lamoine residents go. Just two births to announce.

Welcome to **Matthew W. Curtis** who was born July 16, 1998 at Maine Coast Memorial Hospital in Ellsworth. Mom is Deborah Pickard, and dad is Stacey Curtis. They live on Asa's Lane.

Also welcome **Caleb Gibson** who was born at Eastern Maine Medical Center in Bangor on June 27, 1998. His mom is Samantha Sale, and dad is Justin Gibson of the Needle's Eye Road.

The 40-week anniversary of the ice storm is the 2nd week of October. Perhaps the stork will be busy then?



## Property Assessments

(Lamoine) — Two appraisers from the RJD Appraisal company have completed the first quarter of property record reviews in Lamoine. They checked each building in the tax map area identified for the first year review, and measured new additions found. The process will be repeated for the next three years.

During this first review, the appraisers visited 196 buildings and made 77 changes. A net valuation increase of \$183,900 was noted, and the property values will be adjusted accordingly for next year.

The effort will greatly aid in a revaluation, tentatively scheduled in 2003. The only adjustments are for physical building changes, and not for market conditions. This year's project cost \$3,700.

**Bickmore** were married on August 8, 1998 in Ellsworth. Originally from Lamoine, the couple has since moved to Ellsworth.

**Jonathan White and Amy Harris** were married on August 15, 1998 at the Lamoine Baptist Church. Amy is a Lamoine resident, but has moved to Boston where her new husband works.

**John Mosciello and Cari-Lee Fielder** of Manchester New Hampshire were married on August 22, 1998 at the bride's grandmother's home in Lamoine.

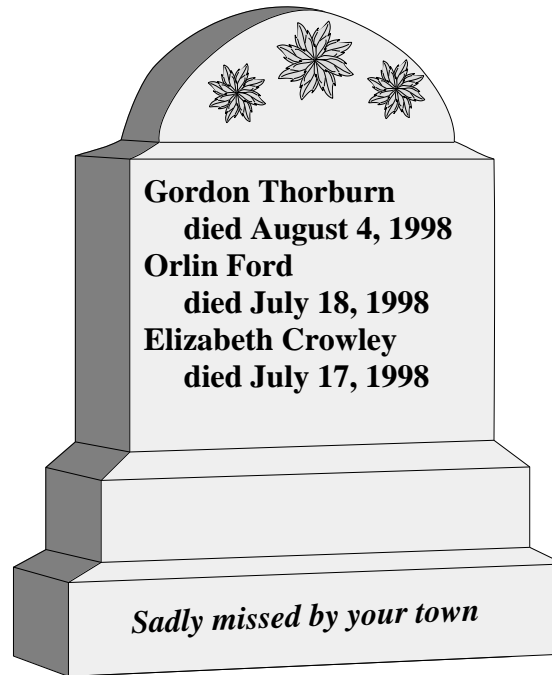
**Forest Pinkham and Kathleen Jacobs** were married on September 20, 1998 in Tremont. The couple makes their home on Pinkham's Flats in Lamoine.

## Social Security Numbers required

(Augusta) — A recent change in state law requires that the bride and groom's social security numbers be obtained prior to the issuance of a marriage license. This information is kept on file at the town office in a confidential notebook.

No one at the state level has been able to explain why the information must be gathered, other than it's state law. No one can have access to the information by other than a court order.

## In Memory Of



*Students and teachers at the Lamoine Consolidated School planted a purple lilac tree in the memory of art teacher **June Sproul**. Ms. Sproul passed away September 4th after a long battle with cancer. She taught at the Lamoine School for nine years. You could tell how much she meant to the students and staff as 175 people observed a moment of complete silence in her honor.*

## Town Office upgrades

(Lamoine) — New Town Clerk Hubene Brodie is a self admitted neat freak. It's starting to show at the town office. Hubene, and town administrator Stu Marckoon painted the Clerk's office, and the walls in the entrance hallway in August, and rearranged the clerk's office. A new desk and computer stand were assembled a few days later and installed in the office. Many taxpayers have remarked on how much they like the change and Hubene's decorator's touch.

The next project...the vault! Using state records retention guidelines, Stu & Hubene have tackled some of the records stored in the vault. Those records no longer needed have gone to the transfer



# OCTOBER 1998 TOWN OF LAMOINE SCHEDULE

| SUN       | MON   | TUE  | WED       | THU  | FRI       | SAT   |
|-----------|---|--|-----------|--|-----------|---|
|           |   |  |           | <b>1</b> 7:00 Fire Dept.                     | <b>2</b>  | <b>3</b>                                      |
| <b>4</b>  | <b>5</b> -6:30 School Board<br>7:00 Planning Board                  | <b>6</b> -Town Office closed<br>until 2PM (fire<br>prevention day) | <b>7</b>  | <b>8</b> -6:15 Selectmen<br>7:00 Fire Dept.  | <b>9</b>  | <b>10</b>                                     |
| <b>11</b> | <b>12</b> -Office Closed for<br>Columbus Day<br>7:00 Planning Board | <b>13</b> -10AM MDI<br>League of Towns                             | <b>14</b> | <b>15</b> 7:00 Fire Dept.                    | <b>16</b> | <b>17</b>                                     |
| <b>18</b> | <b>19</b> 10 AM Postal<br>Worklife Board                            | <b>20</b> -Town office<br>closed until 2PM                         | <b>21</b> | <b>22</b> -6:15 Selectmen<br>7:00 Fire Dept. | <b>23</b> | <b>24</b> -5PM Fire Dept.<br>Supper at School |
| <b>25</b> | <b>26</b>   | <b>27</b>  | <b>28</b> | <b>29</b> 7:00 Fire Dept.                    | <b>30</b> | <b>31-TAXES</b>                               |

# NOVEMBER 1998 TOWN OF LAMOINE SCHEDULE

| SUN       | MON  | TUE  | WED   | THU  | FRI       | SAT       |
|-----------|--|--|---|--|-----------|-----------|
| <b>1</b>  | 2-6:30 School Board<br>7:00 Planning Board | <b>3</b> 10 AM to 8 PM<br>Election at Town | <b>4</b>  | 5- 6:15 Selectmen<br>7:00 Fire Dept.                                 | <b>6</b>  | <b>7</b>  |
| <b>8</b>  | <b>9</b>                                   | <b>10</b>                                  | <b>11</b> Office Closed<br>6PM Elderly<br>Volunteers Training @ | <b>12</b> - 7:00 Fire Dept.<br>6:30 Elderly<br>Volunteers Training @ | <b>13</b> | <b>14</b> |
| <b>15</b> | <b>16</b>                                  | <b>17</b>                                  | <b>18</b>   | 19-6:15 Selectmen<br>7:00 Fire Dept.                                 | <b>20</b> | <b>21</b> |
| <b>22</b> | <b>23</b>                                  | <b>24</b>                                  | <b>25</b>   | <b>26</b> -Closed for<br>Thanksgiving                                | <b>27</b> | <b>28</b> |
| <b>29</b> | <b>30</b>                                  |  |   |  |           |           |

# DECEMBER 1998 TOWN OF LAMOINE SCHEDULE

SUN

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TUE

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**1**

**2**

3-6:15 Selectmen  
7:00 Fire Dept.

**4**

**5**

Closed - Administrator on Vacation

**6**

7-6:30 School Board  
7:00 Planning Board

**8**

**9**

**10**-7:00 Fire Dept.

**11**

**12**